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WISCONSIN MAN SELECTED AS EDITOR OF A.N.A.'s "NUMISMATIST"

After careful deliberation over a long period of time, Ed Rochette was appointed by the Board of Governors of American Numismatic Association to become editor of "The Numismatist", commencing when he is able to sever his present employment and arrange to take over the editorial duties from present editor Glenn Smedley. Rochette will move to the Colorado Springs headquarters location of the Association.

The Board of Governors expresses appreciation to Chester Krause, publisher of "Numismatic News" and other Krause Publications, for his cooperation in arranging for the transfer of Mr. Rochette to his new position. It appears that he will be free to start with A.N.A. by the end of this year.

Executive editor Ed Rochette, of Krause Publications, Inc., Iola, guides the editorial direction of one of the country's leading coin publishing firms. Krause Publications produces for the collector "Numismatic News", a bi-weekly tabloid; "COINS Magazine," a nationally distributed monthly; and publishes numerous numismatic reference books through its growing book division.

Rochette himself has contributed to these reference books. He recently completed a 2-year research and compilation project with the publication of his "Medallic Portraits of John F. Kennedy." This reference catalogue, describes & illustrates close to 1,000 different medallic issues struck in the name of our late president. Rochette is also co-author of "Coins, Questions and Answers," and has edited several price guide books for the general public.

Recognized in the field of numismatics, Rochette was appointed by President



Edward C. Rochette

Lyndon Johnson to serve as a member of the 1965 Assay Commission. He is also a member of the advisory board of the National Hobby Institute and recipient of the 1966 Token and Medal Society bronze literary award, and of the Professional Numismatists Guild Educational Award for his services as an advisor to the Roosevelt University numismatic program.

A world traveler, he has guided several numismatic tours including the 1964 "Numismatic News" European tour and the 1965 post A.N.A. convention Mexican tour. On the European adventure he met and interviewed the directors of the mints of Portugal, Switzerland, France and England. He and his tour group were received by Pope Paul VI in a special audience at Castel Gondolfo, the summer residence of the pontiff.

A member of many numismatic organizations in addition to A.N.A. (#38781), Ed was elected a fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society in 1962. He has served A.N.A. as a member of the Health Literary award committee, the 1966 resolutions committee, and was a judge for the 1966 National Coin Week Awards.

1967 N.O.W. CONVENTION SITE

The N.O.W. convention committee has accepted the Milwaukee Numismatic Societies invitation and announces it will recommend acceptance by the full board of governors. Plans call for the show to be held on June 10 & 11 at the Wisconsin War Memorial Building. More information will be given later in future issues of N.O.W. News.

PLAQUE TO BE GIVEN IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

With nearly 300 renewals and new members already in, N. O. W. is off to another good year. It seems a friendly rivalry has developed between president Gordon Gill and vice-president Gene Johnson to see who could sign up more new members. Now Dick Anderson has joined the fight. Others who have been signing up new members are Leo Wazelle and Clayton High. A plaque will be given at the show in Milwaukee next June for the one who signs up the most new members. Any N.O.W. member can enter this friendly competition and we hope many will.

Listed below are the number of N. O. W. members in various Wisconsin Communities:

Racine	30	Stoughton	9
Madison	25	Wis. Rapids	9
Milwaukee	25	Oshkosh	9
Fond du Lac	19	Rockford, Ill.	7
Iola	16	Janesville	6
Green Bay	16	Menasha	5
Wausau	14	Beloit	5
Kenosha	12	Marshfield	5
Mauston	11	Eau Claire	5
Beaver Dam	11	Menominee, Mich.	4
Appleton	11	Portage	4
La Crosse	11	Reedsburg	4
Bl.Riv.Falls	10		

If your community is not listed, our records show you have less than 3 N.O.W. members. It's interesting to note that some large Wisconsin towns have active coin clubs and yet few N.O.W. members.

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'A few days ago I read an article with the title: "Can an association become too big?" --- At present this is not our problem.' --- Ivar Barth Speaks ---

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEET IN WAUSAU

A letter has been sent to all of the N.O.W. Board of Governors to announce a meeting at 2:00 p.m. November 5th.

Afterwards they will attend the Wausau Coin Club's fifth annual banquet for a fine turkey feed. \$150 in door prizes will be given.

N. O. W. Governors may act on these proposals, some of which have already been discussed.

- 1) Action on the lapel pin
- 2) Having our convention manual printed
- 3) Life membership
- 4) Bring with you a list of all clubs you know of. List name, meeting date, time, place and mailing address.
- 5) Other items may be found on page 6 of the last issue of N.O.W. News

N.O.W. BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL SOUTH

Two of our N.O.W. board members recently shared a bourse table at the Waukegan, Illinois coin show. Jim Kroepfl and Bill Spencer reported business was good. Jim recently took another Best in Show with his fine exhibit at Kenosha.

N.O.W. PRESIDENT RECEIVES TROPHY

Gordon Gill of Madison received a special non-competitive trophy at the Fond du Lac Coin Club Jamboree. He showed 5 cases of rare U. S. coins.



NOTICE TO ALL COIN CLUBS IN WISCONSIN

The next issue of N.O.W. News will carry a list of Wisconsin Coin Clubs compiled from the latest information on hand. By December 1, we want to receive up-to-date information on your club, listing the club name, meeting time, date and place, and the correct mailing address. My address is Ron Calkins, P.O. Box 336 Mazomanie. A postcard will do. Thanks.

N.O.W. TIDBITS

We hear from the secretary that N.O.W. has received a \$10 donation from a member who wishes to remain anonymous. Thanks.

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YOUR DUES (\$1.00) ARE DUE AND HAVE BEEN SINCE JUNE. Have you paid them? IF NOT YOUR NAME WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIST.

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Our new secretary has been doing a fine job. The mailing list is all up-dated as of October 3rd with new names added as they come in.

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Govenor Dick Anderson volunteered to add zip codes to the addresses of all N.O.W. members -- even before he knew that Krause Publications had already done this for us -- or did he? hmmm.

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Seems like most of the N.O.W. governing body has been in the hospital recently. Those most recent are: Harry Jarvis, Gene Johnson, Virgil Jackson and Mrs. Stratton.

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Harry Jarvis and Glen Williams collected N.O.W. dues along with regular club dues at Fond du Lac. Maybe this accounts for 19 N. O. W. members in Fond du Lac alone. Incidentally, the Fond du Lac Coin Club allowed N.O.W. free use of a membership table during their recent show.

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The Kettle Moraine Stamp & Coin Club has requested the use of N. O. W.'s 24 cases for their show on November 6th. These cases are available to Wisconsin clubs belonging to N.O.W. The clubs pay only shipping charges.

N.O.W. ON WAY TO BECOMING "250 CLUB"

In the last issue we mentioned that a plan was put forth by our A.N.A. representative Clayton High, whereby N.O.W. would become a member of the "250 Club." This means that thru a special donation of \$1 from each member as he pays his \$1 dues (total \$2.00) we hope eventually to be able to contribute \$250 to the A.N.A. building fund. So far more than 100 members have chosen to contribute the extra dollar. Have you sent your dollar in?

N.O.W. MEMBERS OPEN MEETING PLANNED

The Wausau Coin Club will hold its annual banquet on November 5th at 6:30 in the basement of the Zion Church at Sixth and Grant Streets.

Afterwards the Board of Governors will hold an open meeting to which everyone is invited.

OWNER OF 1913 NICKEL DIES

J. V. (Mac) McDermott, owner of one of the five famous 1913 Liberty Head Nickels, died on Sept. 29 in Milwaukee. 68 years old at his death, the former steeplejack turned coin dealer, is survived by his wife, Elizabeth. McDermott's nickel was by far the best known and the most widely viewed of the 5 1913 Liberty Head specimens. Because of his travels to which his nickel was exposed, Mac's name became synonymous with its fame.



J. V. (Mac) McDermott

Reportedly offered up to \$50,000 for the 1913 Liberty Head, McDermott repeatedly declined offers and instead continued to generously exhibit his coin at any show that requested it.

The estate of John A. Beck of Pittsburg, contains 531 1856 Flying Eagle cents. Mr. Beck passed away over 40 years ago. A Pittsburg bank is executor of the estate and they refuse to sell any of the hoard.

1967 CANADIAN PROOF-LIKE SETS

Canada will produce a special presentation set in 1967. The set will contain a gold piece which U. S. collectors can not legally buy. Announcement was also made that orders for 1967 proof-like sets will be accepted from January 1 to September 30, 1967. The price is \$4 each in Canadian funds for lots of 1, 3 or 5 sets. Make checks payable to the Receiver General of Canada. Send orders to Coins Uncirculated P. O. Box 470, Ottawa 2, Ontario, Canada. October 31st is the deadline on orders for 1966 sets.

1968 CANADIAN COINAGE WILL CONTAIN NO SILVER

Norval A. Parker, Mint Master at the Royal Canadian mint in Ottawa recently revealed as of the beginning of coinage for the year 1968, Canada will join the now nearly unanimous trend among nations toward non-silver coinage.

WISCONSIN PERSONS PLACE AT A.N.A.

At the recent A. N. A. show in Chicago, a number of Wisconsin exhibitors won trophies.

Ralph Parker of Racine, whose gold coins of the world won Best in Show at our state convention in La Crosse, placed 3rd in the gold coin category.

Michael Trampe, son of Tony Trampe, won a second place award in the general classification for junior exhibits.

Mrs. Dennis Loomis of Beaver Dam took a 2nd place in Canadian coins with her fine exhibit of "The Arms of Canada," a study of the Canadian coat of arms as depicted on the half dollar.

Congratulations to all of you.

A.N.A. GOVERNOR MOVES TO WISCONSIN

We see in the Milwaukee Numismatic News that Mrs. Virginia Culver, a member of the Board of Governors of the A.N.A. has moved to Wisconsin. She is living in Thiensville where she moved from Calif. Mrs. Culver is well known through her many fine articles published in leading coin journals.

NUMISMATIC "PORTRAIT IN HISTORY"

This is the theme the A.N.A. has chosen for National Coin Week April 22 to 29, 1967.

A little reflection will show how you can use this theme. If you are a numismatic art buff, why not trace the development of art and numismatics over the years. If you prefer misstrikes and other oddities, surely the progression of minting methods must be of great interest to you. Tokens, paper money, odd and curious items used for money, all have their place in history. Medals portray history. If you are not interested in the history of the actual numismatic items you collect, then you must be concerned with the portraits, scenes, events or ideas they employ for design.

Adapt the theme to your numismatic exhibits. Try to show the public that coin collecting need not be a money making proposition, but can be a serious study of the traditions & development of mankind.

Whatever you do, please do something; & when you do something, let us know what you have done by filing a National Coin Week activity report with the A.N.A.

A.N.A. BREAKS GROUND IN DENVER

The American Numismatic Association's headquarters is a step closer to reality when ground was broken for the structure on September 6th in Denver. Wisconsin collectors are among the largest donors in financing this \$250,000 building. (Ed. Note - see article "N.O.W. On Way To Becoming '250 Club'")

ROOSEVELT "U" CANCELS CLASSES

Roosevelt University in Chicago, which this past year concluded a fine lecture series on numismatics, announced they are cancelling the planned fall term this year due to lack of advanced registration.

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A mechanized numismatist if not a collector on wheels, but a parking meter.

— Ivar Barth —

ODDS 'N ENDS

in club news

MILWAUKEE LISTS BANQUET AND SHOW PLANS

Gale Highsmith reports that the Milwaukee Numismatic Society is holding their banquet on Saturday, October 29 & their annual show October 30th. The schedule is as follows:

BANQUET PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	Saturday, Oct. 29
<u>Place</u>	Ambassador Hotel 23rd & W. Wis. Ave.
<u>Cocktails</u>	5 to 6 p.m.
<u>Banquet</u>	6 p.m.
<u>Entertainment</u>	
<u>Auction</u>	8:30 p.m. (100 lots)

EXHIBIT AND BOURSE

<u>Date</u>	Sunday, Oct. 30
<u>Place</u>	War Mem. Center 750 N. Lincoln Mem.Dr.
<u>Doors Open</u>	9:00 a.m. Hospitality Room will be on 4th floor
<u>Doors Close</u>	9:00 p.m.

Gale also reports that bourse tables are still available. Contact Del Bertschy at 714 E. Glendale Avenue, Milwaukee for further information (Ph. 962-5975).

SOCIETY OF ODD & CURIOUS MEDIA TO MEET

At about 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 30th the Society of Odd and Curious Media will meet during the Milwaukee Numismatic Societies' annual show. It is requested that all members pay their 1966 and 1967 dues at this time. The next annual meeting will be held in June, 1967 during the N.O.W. convention.

BEAVER DAM CLUB 6 YEARS OLD

Beaver Dam Coin Club held their sixth annual "birthday party" on October 20th. For so many fine collectors and exhibits to arise in one club in six short years, amazing! Happy Birthday.

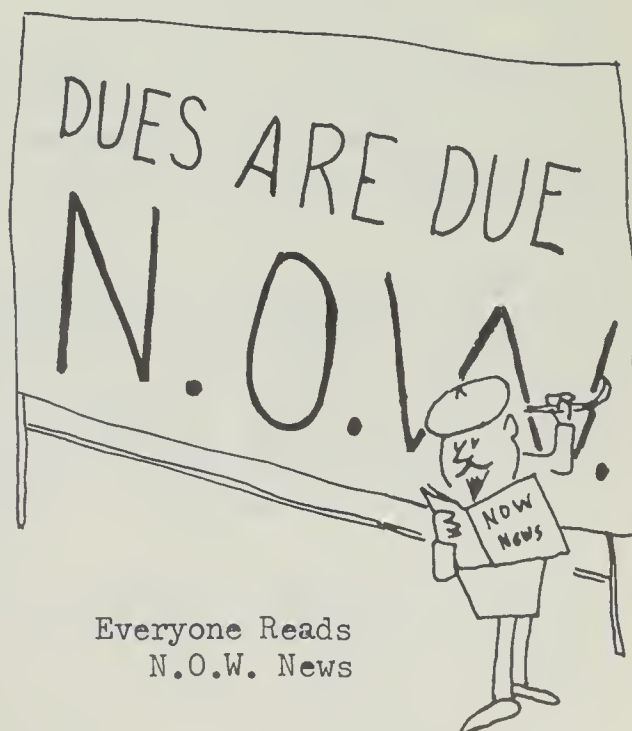
A LOOK AT THE BEAVER DAM COIN CLUB

The Beaver Coin Club meets regularly on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Spring and summer meetings are held at Tahoe Park and winter meetings at the Y.M.C.A.

In April, the Beaver Dam Coin Club's 5th annual show was held with 38 exhibitors and 16 dealers attending. The club also stressed their aim which has always been to emphasize the exhibits rather than the bourse. During the past season many of their members have won recognition at the neighboring coin shows. Approximately 30 trophies were won including a second at the A.N.A. Convention in Chicago.

From August until October the coin club was conducting a membership drive. The person who brought in the most new members would win a prize. The club also sponsored a deserving boy and girl to attend the Y.M.C.A. for one year.

A group of coin books were donated to the local library plus a 2-year subscription to the Numismatic News and to the Scrapbook. Wooden nickels, describing the club were made for distribution. The election of new officers is held yearly in November in which the outgoing president is awarded with a past-presidents' medal or a lapel pin of his choice.



Everyone Reads
N.O.W. News



Peter Phillips, a city of Madison employee, won the Best of Show trophy with 3 cases of pennies plus 10 2-cent pieces mounted on plywood paneling carved in descriptive designs accompanied by write-ups explaining history of the coins.

MADISON COLLECTOR TAKES BEST IN SHOW AT FOND DU LAC

Peter Phillips, Madison, copped the Best in Show Award during the fifth annual Coin Jamboree sponsored by Fond du Lac Coin Club at Karl-Ray Lanes.

His complete set of pennies from 1826 to date was judged tops in the show which attracted collectors and interested persons from Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan.

The total 47 cases of coins, currency and medals valued at \$60,000 and entered by 22 exhibitors represented the largest number of exhibits with the greatest monetary value ever displayed at one time in Fond du Lac. More than 600 persons attended the Jamboree according to Glen Williams & Harry Jarvis, cochairmen.

A special non-competitive trophy was presented Gordon Gill of Madison, N.O.W. president, for his 5 cases of rare U.S. coins. Gill's prize display included a 1856 flying eagle cent in about uncircu-

lated condition. Only 1,000 were minted. His exhibit also consisted of what collectors term "proof and uncirculated" flying eagle and Indian head cents.

Gill, a Madison pharmacist who has been collecting for about 45 years, also displayed an 1885 U. S. proof, a silver "pattern" half dollar of 1859 and a very rare silver pine tree shilling dated 1652 during the days of King Charles II when population of the United States was 35,000.

Other Winners Were:

Local Only Trophy

Harry Kowalski, Fond du Lac

Special Awards

Harry Kowalski, Fond du Lac

John Putman, Fond du Lac

Harvey Binder, Beaver Dam

U.S. Coins

Theodore Gunderson, Beaver Dam

Foreign Coins

James Ebben, Appleton

Paper Money

Virgil Jackson, Beaver Dam

Medals

Harvey Binder, Beaver Dam

Junior

Barbara Pearson, Beaver Dam

Special Non-Competitive

Gordon Gill, Madison



Few collectors are aware that the U.S. experimented with a platinum coin. A pattern half dollar in platinum, dated 1814, is listed in Treasury Mint Report of 1912. Coin is now in the U.S. Mint collection. Mint report was erroneous in listing it as a pattern—should have been listed as a trial piece.

MARINETTE CLUB PLANS SHOW

The Marinette Coin and Stamp Clubs will hold a fall show of coins, stamps and antiques on Sunday, November 6th in the Father Geynet Hall at Menominee, Mich.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The general chairmen of the show are Russ Malone and Glen Tribbey. Floyd Behnke and Charmaine Jorgenson are publicity chairmen, and Norman Memphis is the ticket chairman.

There will be exhibits and bourse tables of coins, stamps and antiques.

Among the door prizes awarded will be a \$20 gold piece, a United States Savings Bond, and 5 BU silver dollars.

For information on exhibiting or bourse tables, please contact Russ Malone, 1201 14th Street, Menominee, Michigan.

RACINE CLUB STUDIES COLONIALS

Ken Bressett talked on Colonial Coins of Massachusetts at the last Racine Coin Club meeting. He has probably the finest set of slides on this subject in the country. Several members brought displays of Colonial coins.

About 20 members of the Racine Club attended the A. N. A. 75th Anniversary Convention in Chicago.

PICNIC FOR FOX VALLEY CLUB

Willis Williams reports that the Fox Valley Coin Club's September picnic was a big success. President Fred Voeks awarded past president Clarence Kositzke a plaque for his outstanding work in the club. After a day of fun and games, supper was served. About 300 members and guests were present. (Mr. Williams has also sent us the meeting times & places of a number of clubs in his area.)

MILWAUKEE CLUB HEARS SPEAKERS

Recent meetings of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society have seen Bill Spencer, Gale Highsmith, Walter Boeyer, Charles Opitz, Charles Heller exhibit and speak. Of particular interest was the speaker at the last meeting. He was a student from Pakistan who spoke of his numismatic background.

KETTLE MORaine CLUB PLANS SHOW

Hosted by the Kettle Moraine Stamp and Coin Club, an exhibition will be held November 6th at the Moraine Hotel 1 1/2 mi. south of West Bend. The show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition to a fine bourse and exhibits, an awards banquet will be held following the show at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the banquet will be \$2.50 per plate, including tip.

For further information, please contact E.J. Franzel of Slinger.

Incidentally, the Kettle Moraine Club is using the N.O.W. point system in judging their exhibits. We reprint it below for the benefit of other clubs:

Numismatic information conveyed	35
Originality	25
Eye appeal, neatness, arrangement	15
Condition of material	10
Completion of series	10
Rarity	5
Total	100

KENOSHA CLUB HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Kenosha Coin Club held an open house on October 7th with many collectors present. Ray Miller of Racine spoke on fractional currency. Exhibitors were: Leo Wazelle, George Jokubowski, and Mrs. Robert Stratton, who all gave a brief talk on their exhibits. Door prizes were given & coffee and kringle were served.

PLEASE

Club secretaries and/or publicity chairmen --- When you forward a list of new club officers to any publication include the address of the club secretary. Better yet, have your club get a permanent mailing address such as a post office box. It is also helpful to list a meeting time, date and place.

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President Johnson nominated Miss Eva Adams to a second five-year term as Director of the Mint. She was sworn in on October 13th. Miss Adams first assumed this position on October 30, 1961.



Everyone is welcome at Wausau at
November 5 at 6:30 p.m.

N.O.W. President
Visited the Cambridge Coin Club and
enjoyed a very interesting evening. The
meeting was attended by 25 members, more
than many larger clubs are drawing. An
attendance prize is given at each meeting.
Their annual show, just for local mem-
bers, draws a large number of people.

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On September 18th, the Stoughton Coin
Club held its first show in the V.F.W.
building. This club is only 2 years old
but has some real progressive individuals.

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We hear much of late about the coin
courses being offered by many Universit-
ies, just as if it were something new.
In the Scrapbook of 1936, Mr. R.A. Wilson
of Los Angeles, announces the opening of
a coin collecting school.

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Ron is dependent on the Club Representa-
tives and the Board of Governors for
sending in news. Not all are cooperat-
ing.

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SEE YOU NOVEMBER 5TH IN WAUSAU!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 29-30 Milwaukee annual banquet and
show. Ambassador Hotel and
War Memorial Center, 750 N.
Lincoln Drive. A.P. Bertschy,
714 E. Glendale Ave., Milwaukee
Odd & Curious Meeting during
Milwaukee show
- Oct. 30 Janesville & Beloit Coin Club
Fall Show. Holiday Inn. Bruce
Steder, 2107 20th Ave. Rockford
Ill.
- Nov. 5 Wausau Coin Club annual banquet.
Zion Church at 6th & Grant St.
An open Board of Govenors'
meeting to follow.
- Nov. 6 Kettle Moraine Stamp & Coin
Show. Moraine Motel, Hwy. 45
1½ miles south of West Bend.
E.J. Franzel, Slinger.
- Nov. 6 Marinette Coin & Stamp Club Fall
Show. Father Geymet Hall at
Menominee, Michigan. Russ Malone,
1201 14th St., Menominee, Mich.

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